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## Be prepared, get a flu shot

**Ann Erickson**  
*MEDDAC Public Affairs*

It is that time of year again -- Time to get your flu vaccine.

Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic have begun an influenza immunization campaign to encourage all beneficiaries to obtain a flu vaccine as the flu season fast approaches.

The flu, which is a highly infectious viral infection of the respiratory system, spreads when germs pass from an infected person to the noses

and throats of others.

The highest priority populations are people 65 years and older, those with respiratory, heart, and other chronic conditions, pregnant women, children 6 to 23 months of age, healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care facilities.

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting the vaccine now. According to Maj. Shannon Ellis, chief, Preventive Medicine, the flu vaccine offers protection within about two weeks of administration, and is safe for most patients.

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## Ready Army kits have common sense items

**Randy Murray**  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Suppose a massive, category three or higher hurricane was headed straight for the Georgia coast. Would you and your Family be ready?

You would be if you follow the advice given in the Ready Army

emergency preparedness plan, which is simplified into three, easy to understand steps -- Get a kit, Make a plan and Be informed.

Though many of the items you put in your kit may differ from someone else's kit, certain common sense items should be included in everyone's kit.

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## Community comments sought to measure garrison support

**Alana Olson**  
*Plans, Analysis and Integration*

As part of a continuing effort to improve the services provided on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Customer Management Services will be conducting an annual customer service survey at the end of the month.

The survey will allow the cus-

tomers to rate the support they receive from garrison. A Web link will be sent out via e-mail where you will complete the survey instrument online. The window is open from Oct. 20 to Nov. 7.

This automated system allows you to select the time that is most convenient to respond. It will take 20 minutes or less to complete the survey.

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Lina Satele

**Sesame Street comes to Stewart - Children mob Zoe Monster at the Sesame Street Experience Oct. 10 at Newman Fitness Center. The show was designed for military Families and addressed issues children have to face, such as multiple deployments. See story on Page 1B.**



Sgt. Tanya Polk

**Flu vaccines available - Spc. Nathan Denman, medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (left), and Lt. Col. Edward Michaud, 3rd ID surgeon (right), administer flu shots to 3rd ID Commanding General Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, Oct. 14. Flu vaccines are available to military dependents, retirees, and Department of Defense civilians beginning Saturday. See Page 8A.**

## CW5 Jose Cruz retires at 44 yrs

**Spc. Amanda McBride**  
*4th BCT Public Affairs*

For some the Army is a stepping stone to further job opportunities, but for one warrant officer the Army was a career and his way of life.

In a recognition ceremony, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jose Negrón Cruz, the most senior warrant officer in the Army, celebrated and formally ended his 44-year Army career Oct. 8 at the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield

Main Post Chapel.

"I had the opportunity to sit with (Negrón Cruz) and walk down memory lane," said Col. Thomas Vandal, deputy commanding general for support. "It was amazing, the history he has helped make and see."

As Negrón Cruz approached his retirement ceremony, "The Godfather of the warrant officers," as he's known throughout the division, didn't think he would have ever come to this day.

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## Wounded Warriors feedback deadline extended to Nov 28

**Special to the Frontline**

Wounded, ill or injured service-members and their Families at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, and across the Army, now have until Nov. 28 to help Military Health System leadership better understand the needs and expectations of warriors in their care. The deadline for participating in the MHS ques-

tionnaires has been extended due to overwhelming response.

The questionnaires -- one for wounded, ill or injured service-members and one for Family Members -- are available on the Military Health System Web site at [www.health.mil](http://www.health.mil) and will remain open through November. November has been designated as Warrior Care Month.

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# Installation represented at AUSA symposium

**Sgt. Jason Stadel**  
2nd BCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

**Washington D.C.** -- At the Association of the United States Army annual meeting held Oct. 6-8 in Washington, D.C., Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general, spoke to the audience about life on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

"It's all about what's inside the gates and all about what's outside the gates," Cucolo said.

AUSA is an organization that works to supports the U.S. Army and its Soldiers in all aspects of national security. The organization provides numerous professional development opportunities on a local and national level.

The purpose of the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield presentation was to promote the high standard of living for Soldiers and their Families on a post that has seen three Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments.

Fort Stewart Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs said the quality of life at Stewart-Hunter spoke for itself. He said 95 percent of Families living in on-post houses chose to stay during the most recent deployment.

Staff Sergeant Cory Casto has been in the Army for 17 years. Last spring Casto deployed for the first time with 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID. While he was deployed, his Family lived on Fort Stewart. He said because of the programs offered for Families and the

good schools for his children he decided to reenlist to stay at Fort Stewart.

Buchs showed videos and photographs throughout the presentation about "the Southern living station of choice."

He said a testament to the quality of life at Fort Stewart of the reenlistment of Soldiers. During the most recent deployment 3rd ID exceeded it reenlistment goals five months into the rotation. Buchs said as far as he knew no division has been so quick to meet their reenlistment goals.

Area leaders also spoke during the presentation about what Fort Stewart has to offer outside the gates. Bill Cathcart, Chairman of the Military Affairs for the Savannah area, said the communities of Hinesville and Savannah have much to offer Soldiers and their Families.

Cucolo concluded the presentation by remembering two fallen Marne



Sgt. Jason Stadel

**Third Infantry Division Commander Major General Tony Cucolo, speaks at the annual AUSA meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7.**

Soldiers: Pfc. Larry Parks Jr. and Capt. Nathan Raudenbush.

Parks was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT. He was killed when an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle in June 2007.

Raudenbush, a tank commander in 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment,

4th BCT, was riding in a humvee south of Baghdad when it was also struck by an IED Feb. 2008.

"It's all about motivation," Cucolo said.

"The last bit of America these Soldiers saw was the inside of the gates (of Fort Stewart) and the outside of the gates."

## Sexual Assault: A community issue

**Capt. Elisha Parkhill**  
MND-C special contributor

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq** - Sexual assault does not discriminate by race, gender, age, socio-economic background, educational level or military ranks.

One in six women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted, according to the National Center for Crime Victims.

In 2007 alone, there were 2,688 total reports of sexual assault involving Military servicemembers (Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2007 report on sexual assault in the military).

These statistics should be alarming to all of us and should challenge us to get involved and advocate for change. We are all susceptible to being a victim of sexual assault.

At no point in our military training do we speak of harming one another, yet sexually violent crimes happen frequently.

We use words such as integrity, loyalty, honor and duty to describe our military values, and core beliefs. We are trained to protect one another and to defend these core values.

Despite the said commitment to these beliefs and values the statistics clearly report sexual assault continues to be a nationwide problem we must do something about.

There are common themes in most sexual assault/rape cases. According to the Department of Defense, victims usually know the perpetrator, alcohol abuse and binge drinking are common, both individuals are usually in their 20s, and are typically E1 to E4 (Department of Defense FY07 report on sexual assault in the military).

The impact of sexual assault can be very damaging to the individual who was assaulted as well as their unit/community.

Victims may question their overall safety, experi-

ence a loss of control, loss of self-worth and feelings of worthlessness.

Many individuals feel that they could have done something to prevent the assault, blaming themselves and experiencing overwhelming feelings of guilt.

According to a study in the Journal of Traumatic Stress (Oct. 1999), women who have been sexually assaulted are three times more likely to experience symptoms of depression and alcohol abuse is twice as prevalent.

We as Battle Buddies and Wingmen must support these individuals in their recovery by being available for them when they are fearful, feeling embarrassed, or coping with anger.

Sexual assault takes a functioning and participating member of society and potentially places them in a hole of despair. They are focused on working through the assault opposed to being able to focus wholeheartedly on the mission.

The priority shifts from contributing to the team to attending medical appointments or worse, isolation from all social interactions.

The Department of Defense is actively implementing policies, procedures and training military personnel on the topic/prevention of sexual assault.

Reporting procedures recently have held the media's attention because of new options available to victims.

The major change is the implementation of the different types of reporting procedures; restricted and non-restricted reporting.

Restricted reporting allows a sexual assault victim to confidentially disclose the details of his or her assault to specified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process.

According to the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, restricted reporting affords many victims access to care who would not have reported the crime.

This process is very specific. Victims may only report the assault to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocate, chaplain or a health care provider.

A health care provider is defined as a physician, nurse, or mental health provider. This option is recommended for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment and counseling but are unsure if they want an official investigation of the crime.

The other type of reporting, unrestricted, means that the individual receives the medical care and counseling as before, however an official legal investigation is also initiated.

If the victim discusses the assault to anyone other than the SARC, VA, chaplain or health care provider, the assault is automatically classified as an unrestricted report.

Through these policy changes, the DoD's hope is to provide better services to individuals who are subject to such a heinous crime.

We as community members should also take a stand and advocate for our brothers and sisters. It is our responsibility to guarantee that we are being good Battle Buddies and Wingmen.

This entails caring for each other, not because you have to, but because you want to. Taking the initiative to ensure one another's safety, and being available during the good and bad times is our duty.

I encourage each of us to take a stand against sexual assault. Stand up for the values each of us raised our right hand to support and defend. Take a stand by living the core values throughout your daily activities.

Only if we unite all of our efforts, chaplain's, mental health providers, commanders, first sergeants, health care providers and all Soldiers combined, can we actively make strides to put an end to sexual assault.

For more information feel free to contact your mental health clinic, unit chaplain, SARC or health care provider. Resources are also available at [MilitaryOneSource.com](http://MilitaryOneSource.com).

## A moment in Marne History: 3ID, three bars of white on a field of blue

**Sasha McBrayer**  
Fort Stewart Museum

Since the Civil War, United States Army Soldiers have conceived of and worn shoulder insignia. During that period a series of color coded corps badges were designed.

However, the inception of modern divisional insignia truly began with the 81st Division, when in October of 1918, they began wearing olive drab circles with the representation of wildcat faces within.

The design signified the unit's time training at Camp Jackson, South Carolina on the banks of Wildcat Creek. General John Pershing initially objected to the violation of uniform standards. He later changed his mind, deciding that unit insignia would promote morale. Pershing then ordered all units

in the American Expeditionary Forces to design and wear a distinctive shoulder patch on the left sleeve.

While the Third Division was involved in the Argonne-Meuse campaign in October of 1918, their headquarters received an Army directive authorizing divisions to wear the new types of insignia. Brigadier General Preston Brown, who had just assumed command of the division, conceived the design at that time.

The Division G-2 first officially interpreted his design with the following symbolism: The clear blue field of blue stands for loyalty, steadfastness, and undying devotion to the principles of

right and justice by the American soldier. The three clear-cut white stripes stand dually for the three operations the division took part in (Marne, St. Mihiel, Argonne-Meuse) and also its numerical designation as the Third Division.

The first patches were crudely stitched together. By 1939 the patch was enclosed by an olive drab border.

This came about simply to match the uniforms of that era, however, eventually the green border would become a standard part of the patch as a logo. To this day when the patch is printed, the green border remains despite the changing colors of the modern military uniform.



In 2007 a new ACU patch was introduced. It is easily mistaken for the dark subdued version; however the stripes are less dark green in color and more silver. The field appears black.

United States Army Infantry Division flags are basically identical in design. Each consists of a rectangle shape bifurcated into two halves horizontally. The top half is a solid field of red and the bottom is a solid field of blue. The division patch resides at dead center. Airborne and Cavalry Divisions often replace the bottom field of blue with gold and Armored Divisions often do the same with a field of green.

Whether the Division patch reminds you of a broken television set, or the old nickname of Marne men and women, "Blue and White devils," it remains a symbol most associated with the 3 ID and will never be forgotten.





Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo speaks with Marne Soldiers convalescing at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Oct. 7. There are 22 Dog Face Soldiers rehabilitating at WRAMC. From right to left: Cucolo; 1st Lt. Mark Little, Co. F, 26th BSB; 1st Lt. Jeffery Hensley, 1/76th FA; 4th BCT (in wheelchair); Jacqueliyne Johannsen and Sgt. Tim Johannsen, Battery B, 1/9th FA, 2nd BCT.

# Dog Face Soldiers recover at Walter Reed

**Sgt. Jason Stadel**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

On June 19, 2007 Operation Iraqi Freedom V ended for Sgt. Tim Johannsen.

Johannsen was assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division when the humvee he commanded was struck by an improvised explosive device near the Iraqi community of Maderiyah, which is south of Baghdad.

Second BCT had been in Iraq less than a month and just kicked off Operation Marne Torch, an offensive operation to clear Al-Qaeda in Iraq insurgents from the area when Johannsen's humvee was struck. "We were starting to build our patrol base," Johannsen said. "We were escorting barriers and we ran over a pressure plate."

The truck's driver and gunner where not hurt in the blast, however Johannsen's legs were severely injured.

"I was totally conscious and the humvee was filled with smoke," said Johannsen, who was serving on his second deployment to Iraq. "I tried to get out, but I couldn't move; I knew it was pretty bad."

The blast ended up taking both of Johannsen's legs. He is now recovering from his injuries at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. Johannsen has been fitted with prosthetic legs and can walk.

Johannsen is assigned to the hospital's Warrior Transition Battery. His wife lives with him as he continues to rehabilitate.

There are 22 3rd ID Soldiers convalescing at WRAMC.

Depending on the type and extent of their injuries, the duty day for most of the Soldiers revolves around physical training, occupational therapy and any appointments they may have.

In 2005 WRAMC came under fire for having little accountability of Soldiers and their care. But First Lt.

Mark Little said he has seen nothing but the hospital putting the Soldier's first. He said the care he's received at the hospital has been outstanding.

"Everything is awesome," said Little, who lost his legs when his humvee was struck with an explosively formed projectile in September 2007. He was a convoy commander in Company F, 26th Brigade Support Battalion which is the forward support company for 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT.

There are two full-time 3rd ID liaison's stationed at WRAMC who help to coordinate appointments and meetings between the Soldiers and the hospital.

Little said the liaisons have been "great" in helping the Soldiers with everything they need while they're at the hospital.

In July, Little was able to leave the hospital and welcome his company home as they landed at Hunter Army Airfield.

"I've tried to stay close to some of the guys," Little said. "I promised the guys I'd be there when they got home and I was able to greet them plane side. I stayed through reintegration. It was great just to be around everyone again."

Staff Sgt. Jason Letterman, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th BCT, was wounded in May 2008. He lost both of his legs in an IED blast. He said the medical staff at WRAMC has the best interest of the recovering Soldiers in mind.

"I have a really good therapist, she pushes me," Letterman said.

Elena Letterman can also see the progress her husband has made. "It's just amazing. I left once and he was using a walker to walk. I came back two days later and he was using a cane, it was great."

Various events are offered to the Soldiers at WRAMC.

Trips to government buildings and historical sites around Washington D.C. are popular and the hospital has started programs to help Soldiers after the Army.

Since many of the Soldiers decided to leave the Army after their treatment is complete WRAMC helps them sign up and attend college courses, job fairs and resume building classes are also offered.



Photos by Sgt. Jason Stadel

**Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general, speaks with Sgt. Tim Johannsen Oct. 7 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. Johannsen was serving with Battery B, 1/9th FA, 2nd BCT when he lost both of his legs when the humvee he was riding in struck an improvised explosive device south of Baghdad in June 2007.**

Various companies also offer internships to Wounded Warriors.

The stays at WRAMC last from a few months to years. Johannsen has already been at WRAMC for more than a year and like many others, he said he hasn't decided if he'll stay in the Army.

He said the medical board decision will play a role in his decision but that process just started for him and it could take up to six months.

"I'm not sure what I'll do. I've thought about going Green to Gold but I'll just have to wait and see. There are a lot of things out there...the Army is always there but I think I'd go crazy if I got out," he said with a smile.



**Staff Sgt. Jason Letterman, 3/7th Inf., 4th BCT, speaks with Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, 3rd ID command sergeant major, Oct. 7, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Letterman is one of 22 Dog Face Soldiers recovering at WRAMC.**



# Veterans' Corner

*-Still serving*



## Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum visits Hunter Army Airfield flight line, more

**Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills**  
CAB Public Affairs

Volunteers and staff members from Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum visited Hunter Army Airfield Oct. 7.

The group, made up mostly of military veterans, were touring posts to better understand other aspects of the military.

Part of their tour was spent on the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade flight line climbing into, and learning about, Black Hawk, Apache and Chinook helicopters.

According to their web site the history of Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum began in the summer of 1975 when the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown appeared on the horizon of Charleston Harbor.

A few months later, celebrating the Oct. 13 birthday of the United States Navy, Yorktown was opened to the public as a museum and the Patriots Point mission was underway.

Patriots Point would become one of the largest museums of its kind in the world with the addition of other ships such as the destroyer USS Laffey, known as "The Ship That Would Not Die."

The Treasury class Coast Guard cutter Ingham would join the Patriots Point battle group along with the Balao class submarine Clamagore.

Priceless war planes from World War II and Korea are featured in Yorktown's hangar deck and on the flight deck an array of aircraft from the Vietnam War and Desert Storm up to modern marvels such as the F-14 Tomcat and S-3 Viking.

And from the deltas of southeast Asia, the Vietnam Base Camp replica tells the story of the River Patrol Boats and the HAL-3 Seawolves helicopter crews.



**Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alexander Swyrn (left), pilot, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, explains the mission and capabilities of the AH-64D Apache to visiting members from Patriot Point Naval and Maritime Museum Oct. 7 at Hunter Army Airfield.**

## Keep hold of helpful VA phone numbers

All Veterans and retirees should be aware of their benefits through Veterans Affairs and who to contact for various services. On Fort Stewart, your initial contact is the Department of Veterans Affairs military service coordinators Richard Banks and Daniel Reeves. They are available to help veterans with every issue from Education benefits to Health care; their phone number is 368-6950. For more detailed information the following phone contacts are available:

VA Benefits 1-800-827-1000

Education 1-888-442-4551

Health Care 1-877-222-8387

Life Insurance 1-800-669-8477

Mental Health or referral services

(Savannah Vet Center) 652-4097

Debt Management 1-800-827-0648

Mammography Hotline 1-888-492-7844

CHAMPVA 1-800-733-8387

VASuicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255

Tele. Devices for Deaf 1-800-829-4823

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Come to Trunk-or-Treat

Sponsored by community mayors and Army Community Services, Trunk-or-Treating will be held 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 at Newman Field at Fort Stewart and the Hunter Club parking Lot. Hand your candy out from the trunk of your car instead of your home for a safe, fun and friendly experience. Advanced registration required and forms turned in by Oct. 24. Prizes will be awarded for best adult and child costume, and decorated vehicle. For more information, call ACS at 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. In addition, the Marne-tron is scheduled to show The Nightmare before Christmas at Cottrell Field 5-9 p.m. on a continuous loop. For more information or to register your vehicle, call Army Community Services at 767-5088.

Watch for Halloween movie madness

Enjoy a free Halloween Movie Marathon 6-10 p.m., Oct. 27 at Woodruff Theater, sponsored by the 3rd Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion. The fun continues 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Oct. 31 with the showing of IGOR, and Quarantine respectively at Woodruff, sponsored by AAFES.

Special Forces briefings held

Briefings are held noon, 2 and 5 p.m., every Wednesday at Special Forces recruiting office, building 160, Garry Owen St. or at Hunter Army Airfield every Tuesday, noon and 1 p.m. at the Hunter Education Center, room 25. Physical training tests are given 7 a.m. every Friday at Donovan Parade Field. The uniform is the Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. For more information, call 767-1400.

Visit CHRTAS for employee tools

A new era has arrived in Fiscal Year 2009 with the Civilian Human Resources Training Application System. Visit [www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas](http://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas). The Web site includes Historical training and individual develop plans. The site includes employee profiles, career roadmaps, rating period information, and much more.

Stewart

Watch for traffic delays

Due to the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team mission rehearsal exercises taking place now through Oct. 28, motorist can expect heavier traffic than normal. Expect slow moving tactical vehicles, convoys and commercial trucks. Please use caution and obey all posted speed limits. Please pay close attention while travelling on GA Highways 144E, 144W, and GA Highway 119.

Commissary holiday hours announced

The Fort Stewart commissary announced its holiday hours the end of November. The commissary will resume normal hours in January 2009.

Nov. 24	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 27	Closed
Nov. 28	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 22	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 24.	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 26	10 a.m.to 4 p.m.
Jan. 1	Closed

Give a little, buy a lot!

Fort Stewart-Yourth Challenge is conducting a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 17-18. building 13503 on Fort Stewart on Murrey Street, located off of 16th Street. Youth Challenge is supporting the American Red Cross in their endeavors to help make a difference. Give the gift of life, give blood.

Legal Office closes

The Fort Stewart Legal Office will be closed Oct. 31 during the Division Training Holiday. Business will resume Nov. 3. For more information, call 767-8809.

WRESP accepting patients

The Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program is now open at Winn Army Community Hospital. This laser eye surgery is available to active-duty Soldiers who have 18 months remaining on active-duty at time of surgery. Family Members and retirees are not authorized treatment under the WRESP program. Please go to the WRESP Center at Winn to pick up a packet. For more information, visit [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil) or call 435-6633.

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir will rehearse at the Brewton-Parker auditorium in Hinesville, 7 p.m. each Tuesday. If you would like to sing with this choir, contact 977-5918 or email [judith.forsee@us.army.mil](mailto:judith.forsee@us.army.mil); or call Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 ext. 209. Opportunities are available for the community chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The season continues through Sept. 2009.

DFAC changes serving hours

Third Infantry Division installation dining facilities will change serving hours for Thursdays to support Sergeants' Time training and adjust weekend serving hours to support brunch and supper meals. New serving hours starts today or as required upon re-opening of respective dining. The new DFAC hours and the effect-ed days are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

- Breakfast, 6:30 – 9 a.m.
- Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday

- Breakfast, 5:30 – 7 a.m.
- Lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner, 4-5:30 p.m.

Weekends, holidays

- Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- Supper, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Hunter

HSC golf classic scheduled

Don't miss the Friday golf tournament, sponsored by the Hunter Spouses' Club. The 8 a.m. shotgun start is followed by an all-American cookout and awards ceremony. Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund. For additional information, contact Erin Wallace at 308-0105 or [EEK316@nc.rr.com](mailto:EEK316@nc.rr.com).

Recruit the recruiter briefings slated

Attention all non-commissioned officers, the recruiter team will brief all specialist through sergeants first class regarding benefits, challenges, and qualifications of recruiting duty. The briefings will be 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Oct. 21; 10 a.m., Oct. 22; and 10 a.m., Oct. 23 at the Special Forces Office, building 160, Gary Owens Street on Fort Stewart. In addition, the briefing will be held 1:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at the Hunter Education Center in room 1. For more information, call 1 (877) 465-9010 or visit online at [www.usarec.army.mil](http://www.usarec.army.mil).

Wounded Warrior spaghetti dinner

Don't miss a delicious spaghetti dinner, sponsored by the American Legion Post 135 Auxiliary and the Purple Heart Auxiliary Unit 596. The \$5.50 dinners are served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, in Savannah at the corner of Bull St. and Park Ave. For information, call 330-0523.

NCO briefing slated

Non-commissioned officers are invited to attend a briefing about the benefits, challenges, and qualifications of recruiting duty with Recruiting Command at the Hunter Education Center, room 1, at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 23. For more information, call 877-465-9010 or go to [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter).

Enjoy Fall Festival

Enjoy a safe, non-scary Halloween alternative 6 – 8 p.m., Oct. 31 at Hunter Chapel. Infants to 6th graders meet in the fellowship hall. middle/high school student activities will be held are in the religious education building.

Civilian employee fitness sign-up extended

Newman and Tominac Fitness Centers have extended sign-up for the Civilian Employee Fitness Program, which runs through Dec. 11 at both installation's fitness centers. For more information, call 767-3031or 315-2019 at Hunter.



# CID seeking candidates to become special agents

## Special to the Frontline

**WASHINGTON D.C.** -- The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is currently seeking qualified applicants to become highly-trained criminal investigators.

Special agents are responsible for investigating felony-level crime of Army interest, conducting protective-service operations, and working with other Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard,

Department of Defense, Polygraph Institute, and the Canadian Police College. Agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Forensic Science from George Washington University.

To qualify, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21-years-old, be a sergeant (non-promotable), with at least two years but not more than 10 years time in service, have an standardized testing score of 107 or higher (ST of 110 if tested prior to January 2, 2002), have at least 60 college credit hours from an accredited institution (waiver of up to half of this prerequisite may be considered if favorably endorsed by the local CID office), have a physical profile 222221 or higher, with normal color vision and no record of mental or emotional disorders, a minimum of one year of military police experience or two years of civilian police

experience (a waiver of this prerequisite may be considered if favorably endorsed by the local CID office).

Applicants must be able to speak and write clearly, have suitable character established by a Single Scope Background Investigation leading to a Top Secret clearance, no record of unsatisfactory credit and no civil court or court-martial convictions, and lastly, be able to complete 60 months of service obligation upon completion of the Apprentice Special Agent Course.

To apply or for more information visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) or contact your local CID office at

460 West Bultman Avenue, building #1186  
Fort Stewart, GA 31314  
DSN 870-5030 or COM 767-5030

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The questionnaires ask for feedback concerning a service member's experience and satisfaction with the care he or she has received since becoming wounded, ill or injured.

All questionnaire responses are anonymous to encourage honest and specific answers that will lead to positive changes in how the MHS handles care for wounded, ill or injured service members.

The questionnaires are part of Defense Secretary Robert

Gates' commitment to supporting wounded, ill and injured servicemembers—ensuring that their care is the Department of Defense's top priority. Care is continually improving but MHS leaders recognize that there is still more to be done. By listening to the opinions of wounded, ill or injured servicemembers and their families, the MHS will be in a better position to meet their needs and expectations.

## CMS ————— from Page 1A

The survey will list all services on Stewart-Hunter with descriptions. You will be asked to rate the performance of these areas as well as their importance to you.

If you give a rating less than satisfactory, or not important, you will be asked to provide comments explaining the rating.

This helps us to better understand the results. If there is an area listed that you do not utilize you will be able to mark it N/A.

The results will show the garrison commander how the community views the cus-

tomers service in each area, as well as how important they feel that service is to the installation.

We need your input for this survey to be accurate. Keep an eye out for the email with the link and please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

CMS appreciates your support of this effort and looks forward to the input that will help us improve the support we provide to you. If you have any questions about the survey or would like to know more about CMS, contact the customer service officer at 767-8781 or [alana.olson@us.army.mil](mailto:alana.olson@us.army.mil).

## Travel Buddies visit 3rd Infantry Division

Kevin Larson

***A second-grade class at Diamond Elementary School visits with Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd Infantry Division commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews, 3rd ID, command sergeant major, while learning about U.S. geography through a Travel Buddy adventure project.***

***The Travel Buddies belong to Donna Smith's second graders and are two stuffed bears named Captain and Sergeant. Both will travel across the nation to spend time with caretakers.***

***The caretakers will communicate with the students about the adventures the Travel Buddies are having and contribute pictures and mementos to a scrapbook.***



CRUZ ————— from Page 1A

“My wife kept pushing me to stay longer and longer in the military,” said Negrón Cruz, the Division G-4 senior supply officer. “I liked it and I enjoyed it.”

During the ceremony, Vandal spoke of what it was like and the price of things when Negrón Cruz joined.

"Let me put 44 years in perspective," Vandal said. "When Jose first entered military service, a gallon of gas was 31 cents. The average price of a home was \$13,600, and 95 percent of the Soldiers in the Army weren't even born yet."

Though Negrón Cruz is leaving the military, he will be remembered for the people's lives he has affected and the things he has done while serving.

"It's been an honor and privilege to serve alongside a great American like (Negrón Cruz)," Vandal said. "You lived the Army Values, you have sacrificed for our country for (more than) 44 years, and you have certainly served as a role model and mentor for all of our division."

To end the ceremony Negrón Cruz took time to thank the many Soldiers and other servicemembers who served with him throughout his career

Negrón Cruz also gave some outgo-

ing advice for new and future Soldiers.

"Stay focused, learn the job, and learn the equipment," Negrón Cruz said. "Get educated, support the commander and keep on going."

Negrón Cruz joined the Army in 1964 during the height of the Vietnam War in a way to see the world.

After only initially joining for three years, Negrón Cruz not only saw the world but he also went above that by retiring after 44 years in the Army.

Negrón Cruz started his career serving as a member of the Special Troops Forces in the Dominican Republic.

He later served in a variety of logistical assignments stateside and in Germany until being appointed into the warrant officer course in 1978.

Throughout Negrón Cruz's 44 years in the Army, he has served in 10 overseas tours; including three combat tours in Vietnam and various tours in the Middle East.

Negrón Cruz's awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and service awards for combat, peace enforcement and humanitarian operations.

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These items should be of sufficient quantity to meet the needs of your Family for up to at least 72 hours. Listed below are some things you should include in your kit and other items you may want to include.

- *Water.* You should have at least one gallon of potable water per person per day.

A Family of five then would need to have 15 gallons of water on hand for an emergency. If power is lost, you can still use your toilets by filling the back of it with water each time you flush. However, don't use your drinking water for this. During a storm, you can collect rain water in mop buckets or other containers for uses other than drinking.

- *Non-perishable food.* Consider dried fruits and nuts, chips, canned fruit and vegetables. You'll need a manual can opener.

Those MREs you've been storing in your rucksack may provide fun meals for your spouse and children. Remember, you will need enough food for each of you for three days. And if you have infants, be sure to include baby food and formula (diapers too, by the way). If you have pets, be sure to include food for

them.

- *First aid supplies.* Start with a first aid kit then consider over-the-counter medicines.

- *Sanitation supplies.* This includes toilet paper, moist towelettes, disinfectants and trash bags.

- *Survival necessities.* These items include things you may need in any weather-related emergency, like flashlights, battery-powered weather radio, extra batteries, cell phone charger and candles.

- *Personal documents.* If you have to leave your home, it's a good idea to have important, personal documents on your person, to include your military identification card, car and home insurance.

- *Optional items.* This list is up to you, but it could include weather-appropriate change of clothes for each member of the Family, coats, sleeping bags, books, games or toys.

When putting together your kit, keep in mind these are those items you will need for your Family to survive for at least three days in an emergency situation. Prioritize these items according to what's most important. Use commonsense when you get your kit together.

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In addition, the nasal vaccine, FLUMIST, has been shown to be even more beneficial to improve protections against influenza, as compared to the traditional "shot".

Military dependents, retirees and Department of Defense civilians have several options to get the flu vaccine this year.

Fort Stewart vaccines will be available on the following dates:

Main Post Exchange:

Oct. 18	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 20	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Oct. 21	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Oct. 22	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Stewart Commissary:

Nov. 1	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Children must be 2 years of age and older to receive vaccination at the Fort Stewart Post Exchange and Commissary. Those younger than 2-years-old should report to Winn Army Community Hospital's

Immunization Clinic for their flu vaccine beginning Oct. 27.

The Immunization Clinic at Winn Army Community Hospital will offer flu vaccines on a walk-in basis Monday - Friday beginning Oct. 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 435-6633.

Hunter Army Airfield, vaccines will be available on the following dates:

Hunter PX:

Nov. 4	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Nov. 6	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Nov. 7	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Nov. 8	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children under 2 years should report to the Tuttle Army Health Clinic to receive their flu vaccine every Thursday beginning Nov. 13.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic's Immunization Clinic will offer flu vaccines on a walk-in basis every Thursday beginning Nov. 13 through Dec. 20 from 1-5 p.m. For more information, call 315-5454.

For Federal employees the vaccines will be offered:

Fort Stewart:

Beginning Oct. 14

Monday thru Friday 1 to 3 p.m. at the Occupational Health Clinic, building 308 Winn Army Community Hospital. The vaccine will also be offered on-site at some directorates. Check with your supervisor to see if your worksite has been scheduled for a specific date and time.

Hunter Army Airfield:

Nov. 13 - Dec. 20

Thursdays 1 to 5 p.m. at Tuttle Army Health Clinic

For more information, at Fort Stewart call 435-5071/5101 or at Hunter Army Airfield, call 315-5454.

A questionnaire will be given to help your healthcare provider determine whether you can receive the FLUMIST, the nasal mist, or the FLUZONE/FLULAVAL, the shot. Also, the pneumonia vaccine, PNEUMOVAX, will be available for those who are 65 and older to help decrease their chance of getting pneumonia. Anyone seeking a flu vaccine at these locations should be sure to bring their valid military ID card.



# Ask the Judge: *Lautenberg Amendment challenges unlawful weapons sale, ownership*

Sherod L. Davis, Sr.,  
Legal Assistance Attorney

**Q**uestion: What is the Lautenberg Amendment?

**A**nswer: The Lautenberg Amendment makes it unlawful for any person to transfer, issue, sell, or otherwise dispose of firearms or ammunition to any person whom he or she knows or has reasonable cause to believe has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. It also makes it illegal for any person that has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to receive any firearm or ammunition that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce. The Lautenberg amendment makes it illegal for a Soldier to carry a weapon if he or she has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

**Q** What actions constitute a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence?

**A**: A Crime of Domestic Violence is an offense that involves the use of physical force, or a threatened use of a deadly weapon; committed by: (1) current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim; (2) a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (3) by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian; or (4) by a person who was similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim. The conviction must be a "qualifying conviction." A qualifying conviction is a valid state or federal conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

**Q** If I receive non-judicial punishment, could I be disqualified from carrying a firearm under the Lautenberg Amendment?

**A**: At this time, NJP does not constitute a conviction in a state or federal court and likewise does not trigger the Lautenberg Amendment. On the other hand, a finding of guilt by a military panel at a properly convened court martial will trigger the Lautenberg Amendment and will disqualify a Soldier from carrying a firearm.

**Q** Can the Army find out about any misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence that I have been convicted of?

**A**: Commanders may use DD Form 2760 to obtain information to determine if a Soldier has been convicted of a crime of domestic violence. Department of Defense Form 2760 allows you to grant the Army permission to conduct a criminal background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

If the Soldier is found to be disqualified from firearm possession under the Lautenberg Amendment he or she will not be criminally prosecuted.

The finding will be filed in the Soldier's local file and the Soldier will be given the opportunity to seek legal consultation from a legal assistance attorney or a competent civilian attorney.



**Q** Will I be immediately discharged if I am found in violation of the Lautenberg Amendment?

**A**: If a Soldier is in violation of the Lautenberg Amendment he or she will be given a reasonable time (up to one year) to rectify the conviction by expungement or pardon.

**Q** Will I be able to carry a firearm while seeking expungement or pardon? If not, what types of duties will I be able to participate in?

**A**: During the time that the Soldier is seeking expungement or pardon, he or she will not be able to participate in any duties that require the use of a firearm. Soldiers will be detailed to meaningful duties and not given tasks that are obviously designed to punish or embarrass the Soldier. Commanders have the option to initiate separation for a Soldier based on conduct that led to the Qualifying Conviction. Soldiers with Qualifying Convictions may not be deployed or mobilized until the conviction has been rectified by expungement or pardon. The fact that the Soldier's duties were affected by his or her inability to carry a firearm may be noted in any evaluation of the Soldier during a specific rating period.

**Q** What are my chances of being granted an expungement or pardon?

**A**: A record will be expunged only if it is inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading. A court that decides that one of these grounds exists can do one of three

things. Expunge, modify, supplement. The court will balance the state's interest of maintaining extensive arrest records to aid effective law enforcement against the individual's interests of being free from the harm that is caused by the existence of the record. Unless there are special factors like police conduct that diminish the state's interest it is doubtful that a conviction will be expunged.

Pardons may only be granted by a governor in a state case and the President of the United States in a federal case. Pardons release an offender from entire punishment and reinstates the offender's rights and civil liberties (i.e. the right to vote).

**Q** Are there any free services available to Soldiers that are experiencing family difficulties?

**A**: There are free services offered to Soldiers through the Army Community Service. ACS is a valuable and underutilized no cost service. Many of the problems that Soldiers face are due to the stress caused by military life.

The counselors at ACS are trained to handle the issues that are unique to military life from financial counseling to assistance with the purchase of an automobile.

**Q** Where can I get legal direction if I am convicted of domestic violence?

**A**: If you are at Fort Stewart you can contact the legal assistance office at 976 William H. Wilson Ave building 621 Suite 211, 767-8809 or 767-8819. If you are at Hunter Army Airfield, at 638 Horace Emmet Wilson Blvd, at 352-5115.



# Renovations provide Iraqi children opportunity

**Capt. Mark Miller**  
4th BCT Public Affairs

**RADWANIYAH (Baghdad), Iraq** - Grade school children who attend the Halwan School in Jari Village, a neighborhood of Radwaniyah in southern Baghdad were excited to return to school this year.

As their school year begins, the kids are not returning to the same school they left, but rather a newly-renovated building with fresh paint, new desks, new roofing, and even three additional classrooms.

A second school in Radwaniyah was also renovated and re-opened the same day.

Both events carried with them the theme of working together to create better opportunities for the children of the large rural area in the southern region of Baghdad.

At the first ribbon cutting ceremony in Jari on Sept. 25, everyone was excited to turn the building over to eager students and satisfied teachers.

Multi National Division - Baghdad Soldiers from Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion 64th Armor Regiment 'Tuskers' as well as Company D, 404th Civil Affairs from Ft. Dix, N.J. attached to 4/64 all coordinated to complete the renovations in time to re-open the school as scheduled.

"The whole project had to be completed in less than six weeks" explained Sgt. 1st Class Eric McCoy, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Civil Affairs team. "The buildings have been re-faced, all of the electrical wires re-run, a new generator has been installed, and the bathrooms were completely renovated as well," added McCoy, who hails from Middletown, N.J.

After the ribbon cutting, Sheik Ayad, local leader of the Radwaniyah district thanked all of the Coalition Forces of Multi-National Division Baghdad who helped to make the school renovations a success.

"The community now has better resources thanks to the hard work of the Coalition Forces and Iraqi contractors," he said.

Less than an hour later, the second re-opening ceremony began for the school in Central Radwaniyah.

Capt. Christopher Johnson, executive officer for Headquarters Company, 4/64 spoke to the crowd of students, teachers, and local leaders.

"This is the future of Iraq. It begins here with the children." Johnson, originally from Topsfield, Mass. reflected on the memories he had of the school only months ago.

"We all remember when the roof here was falling in and it was a dangerous environment for the kids. This is a better environment for the students and teachers to focus on education now," he said.

After the ceremony at the second school, Sheik Ayad took Johnson and McCoy through the different classrooms to speak with the students in smaller groups.

McCoy and Johnson both engaged students, asking them if they liked their new classrooms as well as talking to them about their favorite subjects and what they like to do for fun.

"I always enjoy talking with the kids. They're a lot of fun to interact with, and they deserve the best chance



Capt. Mark Miller

**Capt. Christopher Johnson of Topsfield, Mass. and Sheik Ayad talk with local citizens about the new Halwan school which has just opened in the Jari neighborhood of Radwaniyah as well as potential future projects.**

they can get," McCoy said with a smile on his face after leaving one of the classrooms.

After circulating through the classrooms, the local leaders and Coalition Forces left the students to their classes for the day.

Smiles and handshakes were exchanged between the Iraqi sheiks and Coalition Forces upon parting ways.

There was little need for interpreters upon saying goodbye as everyone understood without words that the kids would be in better schools for years to come.

# Desert Rogues complete redeployment reintegration

**Spc. Dustin Gautney**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

The Desert Rogues of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, completed reintegration phase II at Club Stewart, after 90 days of "boots-on-the-ground," following their return from a 15-month deployment, Oct. 7.

"Ninety days after redeployment is a crucial time for Soldiers and Families after the honeymoon of returning after a deployment," said Lt. Col. Ross Coffman, 1/64th Armor. "Three to six months after redeployment is when potential risks and majority of issues may arise for the Soldier and the Family."

The Soldiers and Families of 1/64th Armor filled the various banquet rooms of Club Stewart, as representatives from the Family advocacy, finance, mental health, Winn Nutrition Care Division

Clinic, base housing, Community Youth Services, and 1/64th Armor chaplain preformed a round-robin presentation.

After a 10-minute presentation, Soldiers and Family Members were able to speak to the on-post services representatives one-on-one.

"We would not have been able to do this without the on-post services coming out and providing education and points of contact for the Soldiers and Families," Coffman said.

Yonzell Varnedoe, a nutrition specialist with Winn Army Hospital, nutrition care clinic division, offered troops advice on how to readjust to the change of diet since returning from a deployment.

"You have two weeks and that's it," said Varnedoe, warning Soldiers who wanted to take advantage of junk food and other foods otherwise not available to them while deployed. Additionally the

Soldiers might interrupt any healthier diets that Family and spouses may be focused on.

With Army physical fitness tests coming for the Soldiers, now is the time they need to readapt to a healthier choice when choosing meals, she said.

During the initial 10-day reintegration, following the Desert Rogues redeployment, only Soldiers were allowed to attend and were briefed about on-post services by unit leaders.

Reintegration phase II was designed with the Army Family in mind, giving the opportunity for Family Members to hear what services are available to them from on-post services, as well as provide points of contact should the services ever be needed in the future, said Coffman.

"When we first came back from deployment it was just the Soldiers and we didn't have all of the on-post services

come out and speak to us," said Sgt. Corey Bradley, Forward Support Company, 1/64th Armor, who attended the reintegration phase II with his two daughters, Crystal, 6, Jayelle, 5, and son, Corey Jr., 3.

"Having the representatives come out and speaking with the Soldiers has been very helpful," said Bradley. "Since Soldiers were able to bring there Families this time they were able to receive some of the information first hand."

"Soldiers and Family are our greatest asset," said Coffman. "Whether 99.9 percent of the Soldiers and Family Members may never use much of the on-post Family services then we as Soldiers have done our job for our Families and fellow Soldiers, however most importantly if that .1 percent learned something valuable today to take with them, then we still have accomplished our mission."





## Faces of the DES – Thomas Cadigan

### Special to the Frontline

**T**homas Cadigan currently serves as a fire inspector at Hunter Army Airfield. He started with the Hunter Fire Department in May 2007 after transferring from Marietta, Ga. Cadigan began his fire service career in 1982 as a U.S. Marine Crash Fire and Rescue Specialist at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N. C. He is a level III fire inspector and also holds a fire investigator



Thomas Cadigan

rating which he obtained at the Alabama Fire College in August 2004. Thomas has worked for every branch of the armed services, spending his first 18 years working on engine companies before moving to Fire Prevention. Inspector Cadigan also teaches motorcycle safety as a certified rider coach for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. He enjoys reading, travelling, fishing, and motorcycle touring. Cadigan, a native of Boston, Mass., lives in Savannah and has one son.

## DHR spotlight: Remember Red Ribbon Week

### Chakiris Moss

Directorate of Human Resources

A special week happens Oct. 23-31 throughout the United States. It is called "Red Ribbon Week." The story behind the event symbol of the Red Ribbon is of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes of making a difference.

According to Prevention Resource Center, Region 3 Web site at [www.prc3.org/redribbon/history.htm](http://www.prc3.org/redribbon/history.htm), Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it.

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government.

On Feb. 7, 1985, according to [www.usdoj.gov/dea/ongoing/red\\_ribbon/redribbon\\_factsheet.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/ongoing/red_ribbon/redribbon_factsheet.html), the 11 year veteran was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by drug traffickers.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference.

The U.S. military adopted Red Ribbon Week each year to demonstrate resolve to avoid both illegal drug use and illegal use of legal drugs.

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Army Substance Abuse Program will have various displays on the installation, provide Red Ribbon Week packs to local schools, and have a giveaway table set up in the Soldier Service Center, Oct. 30.

## Unattended cooking can create flaming recipe for disaster

### Anthony Fornicola

Fire Inspector

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, as well as throughout the Department of Defense. While this seems very unlikely to most people, it does happen. Let's set the stage of a hectic evening at home. You are preparing a meal of hamburgers and French fries. You have placed the frying pan on the stove and filled it with oil. You turn the burner on high to heat the oil. Now the phone rings and it is a friend you haven't heard from for some time. You start talking about what happened at work and what you are going to do during the weekend. While you are talking, the dryer buzzer goes off. You have to get the clothes out of the dryer now before they wrinkle. Your spouse comes home and needs you to help bring some stuff in from the car. Your child is calling from the living room; they just spilled a drink on your new rug and sofa. Have you forgotten something? You can't recall, but you smell smoke. Now you remember dinner is on the stove. The oil that you left on high is now on fire, the cabinets above the stove are burning and the house is filling with smoke. You are in

Here are some kitchen fire safety tips:

1. Don't wear loose clothing while cooking. Tie long hair back before leaning over the stove.

2. Don't leave items unattended while they are cooking. If you must leave the kitchen, turn the burner off and remove the food from the hot burner.

3. Don't cook with burners on high, use a thermometer to monitor oil temperature (When black smoke is coming from the oil, it is about to ignite. Turn off the heat!)

4. Keep your cooking areas clean and grease free. Don't store things that will burn on the stove.

5. If a fire starts in a pan, simply cover it with a lid and turn off the heat.

6. Never put water on a grease/oil fire, it will spread and splatter the burning grease, not extinguish it.

7. If a fire starts in the oven, leave it in the oven with the door closed and turn off the heat.

8. Have a fire extinguisher on hand and know how to use it properly.

9. Call the fire department and report all fires, even if you have put the fire out. Dial 911 to report any emergency.

Remember, a fire can start in any home. If you can say, "It will never happen to me," then you are most likely to have a fire. Everyone in your home needs fire safety awareness. Children are amazed by fire and they must be taught to respect fire and not to play with it at any time. If older children cook, make sure they know how to prevent fires from happening and fully understand what to do in case of a fire. This is a lesson that will be life-long and passed on for generations.

Let the fire prevention office professionals teach you how to avoid a fire and what to do if one does occur. Please call 767-7006 for Stewart or 315-6494 at Hunter.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility, so let's be vigilant and prevent home fires.



# Shoot house in need of furniture

**Kaytrina Curtis**  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Soldiers will soon have a brand new facility in which to train and sharpen their combat skills. Located deep in the woods on Fort Stewart is the future Urban Assault Course complex.

Complete with 29 new buildings, and spanning more than 10 acres, the training site will provide an area which would be a replica of a realistic town. Some of the buildings included in the complex are nine residential buildings, which will simulate housing, a three story government building with a connecting tunnel to another building, a school and a chapel.

Pop-up remote controlled targets throughout the buildings can help Soldiers perfect their room clearing techniques. For the “faux” bad guys who may be caught during training exercises, a police station complete with jail cells will be at the ready.

The buildings are slated to be equipped with electronic surveillance devices. The surveillance devices will aid in monitoring Soldiers’ performance and can

be reviewed later at the new after action facility building, located down the road from the complex.

When construction is completed in a few months, the buildings will need to be furnished to give them a home and office like atmosphere. Right now the facilities are in need of furniture.

“We try to make the training as realistic as possible,” said Robert Williams, directorate of plans, training, mobilization and security. “We do have a need to put furniture in these facilities.”

Williams encourages those who can, to donate their unwanted furniture to the new shoot house complex. “If the furniture can still be used we have the opportunity to get that furniture and place it inside of our different mout facilities,” Williams said.

After the Great American Garage Sale, which will be held at both Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart, Oct. 25, unsold household items can be donated to be used in the complex.

Those interested in donating items such as sofas, chairs, large appliances, and/or hanging pictures and other furnishings, should contact George Thomas, Hunter range control specialist, at 315-6480.



Kaytrina Curtis

***A new chapel under construction at the Urban Assault Course complex on Fort Stewart is slated for completion in a few months.***





# Education Matters

Directorate of Human Resources

## College term dates announced

Enrollment is underway for both on-post and distance learning classes. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information. Education counselors are available at Fort Stewart's Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center and Hunter Army Airfield Education Center.

*Central Texas College* – 767-2070 at Stewart, or 315-4090 at Hunter. Oct. 20 through Dec. 13.

*Columbia College* – 767-5336 at Stewart, or 352-8635 at Hunter. Oct. 20 through Dec. 13.

*Embry Riddle* – 767-3930 at Stewart, or 352-5252 at Hunter. Oct. 13 through Dec. 14.

*Savannah Tech* – 408-2430. Sept. 26 through Dec. 18.

*Webster University* – 767-5357 at Stewart, or 354-0033 at Hunter. Oct. 13 through Dec. 11.

## Buyer beware for CLEP material

Be aware of sales peoplewho offer overpriced College Level Examination Program study materials.

It is not necessary to spend thousands to prepare for the CLEP. Also commercial CLEP study materials by Petersons, Barrons and others are available for free at the Fort Stewart and Hunter post libraries.

There is no need to spend money for expensive materials when the they are available for free or for a much lower cost at a bookstores or on-line. The education center suggests you go to the following websites, *www.freeuniv.com* and for a free CLEP success book and practice tests, log into *www.petersons.com/army*. This site is associated with the Department of Defense Morale, Welfare and Recreation libraries and it is a wealth of information for all type of national and military exams including the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery, officer candidate school and flight aptitude exams. Talk to you college advisor or an education counselor to see if the CLEP fits into your degree program.

## One week, daytime courses available

Central Texas College is now offering one semester hour daytime college classes that you can complete in just five days! Classes meet for three hours and are available during the mornings or afternoons. Materials are included; you do not have to purchase textbooks. This is a great opportunity to earn elective credits for general studies, computers and management degrees.

Management courses will run throughout the month at the Sgt. 1st Class Education Center, and Hunter Army Airfield education center. Active duty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor for a course override. For a list of upcoming courses, go to your education center or call 767-2070 at Stewart or 459-5181 at Hunter.

## Tuition allowance made available

All active duty members have \$4,500 per fiscal year available for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits offered by the Veterans Administration. Details are covered at 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, during a one-hour briefing at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, room 223. For information, call 767-8331 at Stewart or 315-6130 at Hunter.

## Savannah Tech information sessions held

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain their college, certificate, diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study every other Tuesday, 2 p.m. in room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart.

While the majority of courses are held at the Liberty Campus on Airport Road, many classes are conducted at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. Some computer and general education courses are offered on-line. For more information, go to *www.savannahtech.edu* and *www.gsfc.org* or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact Savannah Tech in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah at 443-5700.

## E-mail counselor-support made available

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers

offer a one-stop email address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at *stewcounselor@conus.army.mil*.

## Take GED enrichment courses

General Educational Development diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The courses prepare you to take the GED exam or refresh your skills. The courses are free of charge. Courses are on a space available basis and the class schedule is subject to change quarterly. The choices for this quarter are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday; 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. For detailed instructions, call 368-7322 or e-mail *ccoleman@savannahtech.edu*.

## Free, discounted courses made available

Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides spouses of military personnel a tuition waiver for the initial classroom "in seat" course at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites. It is not necessary for the active duty member to be a Columbia College student. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for "in-seat" classes only to spouses of active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel. For more information on this and other spouse opportunities Columbia College provides, visit *www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp*. Then arrange to meet with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

## College classes for Warriors offered

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield education centers are supporting Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being presented by Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Additional types of courses may be added in future terms as long as interest prevails. To enroll, Warriors must sign up through the GoArmyEd portal online. Additional enrollment steps are required for ERAU.

Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit will be temporarily served at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. For more information, call 767-8331. Soldiers stationed at Hunter can contact Fay Ward at the Education Center, building 1290 or call 315-6130. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact the counselors in building 100 at Stewart, 767-8331 for assistance.

## ERAU office location change

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Assistant Director of Academic Support, Kenyetta Northcutt has a new office location, room 144 in the Sgt 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Embry Riddle is not just aviation. Northcutt can meet with you to discuss all their programs, particularly concentrations in management, logistics and occupational safety and health. For more information click *www.erau.edu/savannah* or call 767-0339. You may also contact Jennifer Furlong at Hunter, 355-0644.

## Green-to-Gold briefing slated

The Green-to-Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

## Take CLEP, DANTES exams

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$85 and DSSTs are \$90 for non-military examinees.

## CES training made available

The Civilian Education System provides the Army Civilian Corps self-development and institutional training opportunities to develop leadership attributes through distance learning and resident training. If you are unfamiliar with CES, this link will take you to Army Management Staff College site for CES, or learn more, visit online at *www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/ces*.

## Apply for the HOPE Grant

The Georgia HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family Member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible.

If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the education center to speak with a counselor, or visit online at *www.gsfc.org*.

## Spouse scholarship slated

Central Texas College will provide free tuition for up to 30 semester hours in one year, for spouses of Purple Heart recipients. Scholarship applications are being accepted now.

To verify eligibility, qualifying spouses must present a copy of the military member's Department of Defense Form 214 or orders reflecting the award of a Purple Heart since September 2001, marriage license, Department of Defense identification card or other type of photo ID. The scholarship covers in or out-of-state tuition and mandatory fees. More information is available on the CTC Web site at *www.ctcd.edu/militaryspouses*. The scholarship application will be available online and at all CTC locations; Fort Stewart, 876-4045 or Hunter, 315-4095. In addition to tuition scholarships, CTC's textbook partner, MBS Direct will offer free books to qualifying spouses.

## STT briefings slated

The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse-to-Teachers Program, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. The meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m., Oct. 22, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. For more information, visit online at *www.tttga.net* and *www.sttga.net* or call 1-800-745-0709.

## VA announces online claims applications

Effective immediately, Veteran Affairs will now process applications received through its online application Web site without the claimant's signature. The electronic application will be sufficient authentication of the claimant's application for benefits.

VONAPP, *www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm* is a Web-based system that benefits both internal and external users. Veterans, active duty, survivors and other claimants seeking compensation, pension, education, or vocational rehabilitation benefits can apply electronically without the constraints of location, postage cost, and time delays in mail delivery.

For more information about VA benefits and GI Bill updates, go to VA's Web site at *www.va.gov* or call their toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000.

## Evening teaching seminars scheduled

Program information sessions geared toward Georgia Troops to Teachers Program candidates are being offered by Armstrong Atlantic State University.

The Liberty Center Director of Teacher Education Programs will conduct Georgia teacher certification seminars focusing on the AASU Master of Arts in Teaching program. For more information, call 877-1910.

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- Youth at least 16 years of age can be employed year round in certain NAF positions where conditions and duties meet all criteria of Federal and State of Georgia Child Labor Laws.

- NAF offers a Management Trainee Program that is targeted to annually hire 20 recent college graduates who have bachelor's degrees in certain MWR specialties.

- Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be used to fill Management Trainee Program vacancies as necessary. Go to *www.armymwr.biz* and click on Programs for more information.
- Eligible employees who move between DOD NAF positions and APF positions in any agency can "port" certain benefits such as retirement, leave, service credit, etc.

## Need job counseling, resume assistance?

Contact Army Community Services and ask for the employment readiness program manager at 767-5058. For further information on employment opportunities, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Job Information Center at 767-5051.



## Looking for employment?

Opportunities for permanent employment are available in non-appropriated funds - Morale, Welfare, and Recreation jobs at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The following are positions with frequent vacancies. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

*Child and Youth Program Assistant* (entry skill, and target levels), \$10.39 to \$12.73 per hour

*Recreation Aid* - \$5.85 - \$7 per hour

*Operations Assistant* - \$5.85 to \$8 per hour

*Cook* - \$8.70 per hour

*Hotel Desk Clerk* - \$7 to \$7.50 per hour

*Cashier* - \$8 per hour

*Custodial Worker* - \$7.72 per hour

*Waiter/Waitress* (Trainee) - \$7.17 to \$8.17 per hour

*Food Service Worker* - \$7.17 per hour

*Bartender* - \$8.70 per hour

*Laborer*- \$7.72 per hour

To search for these positions, go to *cpol.army.mil*; click on Employment; click on Search for Jobs at the bottom of the page under Search-Announcement, type in SCNAFDW% then click on "Get Announcement" or hit the enter key.

## Did you know?

- You don't have to be a US Citizen to be employed by non-appropriated funds.

- Spouse eligibility placement can be used multiple times for employment in "flexible" status positions.

- You do not lose eligibility until you are placed in a regular full or part-time position, NAF, or appropriated funds.

- There is a hiring preference in NAF for Involuntarily Separated Military Members and their eligible Family Members.

- Current NAF employees who have worked one continuous year in a position without time limits are eligible to be considered for Civil Service (Government Service or Wage Grade) jobs the same as APF employees who transfer to Army (under the Department of Defense/Office of Professional Management inter-



## This Week on Marne Television

**Midnight** 3 Around Rock  
 Army Community Covenant  
**12:30 a.m.** Motorcycle Safety  
**1 a.m.** Marne Vet Pets  
**1:30 a.m.** Community Events  
**6 a.m.** Motorcycle Safety  
 3 Around Rock  
**6:30 a.m.** Community Events (Sunday)  
 Fit for Duty (Monday - Saturday)  
**7 a.m.** Jake's Body Shop  
**7:30 a.m.** Marne Vet Pets  
**8 a.m.** Marne Report  
**8:30 a.m.** Army Community Covenant  
 Community Events  
**9 a.m.** Motorcycle Safety  
**9:30 a.m.** Community Events (Sunday,  
 Monday)  
 Education Matters (Tuesday)  
**10 a.m.** Marne Chat (Wednesday)  
 Community Events  
**11 a.m.** Jake's Body Shop  
**11:30 a.m.** 3 Around Rock  
 Marne Vet Pets  
**Noon** Marne Report  
**12:30 p.m.** Community Events

**2:30 p.m.** Army Community Covenant  
**3 p.m.** Battleground  
 The American Veteran (Monday)  
**3:30 p.m.** Community Events  
**4:30 p.m.** Jake's Body Shop  
**5 p.m.** Community Events  
**5:30 p.m.** Marne Report  
**6 p.m.** Jake's Body Shop  
**6:30 p.m.** Grill Sergeant (Tuesday)  
 Community Events  
**7:30 p.m.** Marne Vet Pets  
**8 p.m.** Army Community Covenant  
**8:30 p.m.** Community Events  
 Marne Chat (Monday, Wednesday)  
**9 p.m.** Marne Report  
**9:30 p.m.** Community Events  
 The American Veteran (Monday)  
 Ed Matters (Tuesday, Thursday)  
**10 p.m.** 3 Around Rock  
**10:30 p.m.** Community Events  
**11 p.m.** Marne Report

Stay tuned to Marne Television  
 • Channel 7 at Hunter Army Airfield  
 • Channel 16 at Fort Stewart



## 4th BCT commander talks to Families, troops

Spc. Amanda McBride

*Colonel Thomas James, commander of 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, talks to Family Members and Soldiers at a Family Readiness Group meeting Oct. 8 at Woodruff Theatre. During the meeting, James, while home on his R&R, spoke to those in attendance about the Brigade mission while in Iraq, the successes, and an up-to-date redeployment schedule for the units.*





## Staff Judge Advocate calls for appointment only visits

**Spc. Amanda McBride**  
*4th BCT Public Affairs*

For Soldiers and Family Members seeking legal help on Fort Stewart, can get dedicated time as legal times change to appointment only.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office, no longer accept walk-ins.

By only taking appointments, the Legal Assistance Office hopes to have a quicker turn around for appointment times.

"What were changing is appointments in the morning and the afternoon," said Capt. Madeline Yanford, officer in charge of Legal Assistance. "The reason we're doing this is to try and significantly diminish client wait times, so that way clients will get an appointment sooner with our attorneys."

The change will make it to where we are also able to increase the amount of clients we are able to see per day, said Yanford.

Clients needing immediate

attention from a legal professional however will be seen without an appointment.

"We are currently still seeing clients if they have a time-sensitive issue and need to see an attorney," Yanford said. "That will continue to happen even after the appointment change."

Typical legal issues seen at the Legal Assistance Office include Family law, adoption, and landlord tenant issues.

The legal office also sees Soldiers and Family Members who want to update or create wills and power of attorneys.

"We always encourage clients that if they are facing a legal issue to call and make an appointment as soon as possible," Yanford said. "That way there is time to address that issue."

Hunter Army Airfield is already on an appointment-only basis.

For legal assistance or to make an appointment with an attorney from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office, call 767-8809 or 767-8819, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Check out the Frontline on-line at  
[www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil)